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WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 9 PERCENT
FROM MAY FORECAST

The 2005 Kansas wheat crop is forecast at 384.0 million bushels as of June 1. The current estimate is down 9 percent from the May 1 estimate but 22 percent above the 2004 crop. The current crop is projected to be harvested from 9.6 million acres, up 1.1 million acres from a year ago. Yield per harvested acre is expected to average 40.0 bushels, down 4.0 bushels from the May forecast but 3.0 bushels above the 2004 final yield.

As of May 29th, wheat condition was rated 6 percent excellent, 35 percent good, 40 percent fair, 15 percent poor, and 4 percent very poor. The percent of the crop rated good to excellent decreased from 68 percent May 1st to 41 percent by May 29th.

Crop progress was about a week behind the 5-year average during May, and by May 29th, wheat turning at 22 percent, was behind the 5-year average of 33 percent. Twenty-six percent of the wheat was considered to have moderate-to-severe disease presence, compared to 15 percent last year.

The State experienced moderate temperatures with light scattered showers during the month of May. Moisture conditions deteriorated during the month. On May 1st, topsoil moisture was rated 26 percent short or very short; this increased to 33 percent by May 29th.

KANSAS WHEAT PRODUCTION, JUNE 1, 2005

District	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested			Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	% of Prev. Yr	2004	2005	2004	2005	% of Prev. Yr
WINTER WHEAT	----- 1,000 Acres -----		----- Percent			Bushels		1,000 Bushels Percent		
Northwest	1,125	1,190	490	1,140	233	18	33	9,045	38,100	421
West Central	1,190	1,270	870	1,215	140	22	37	18,995	45,500	240
Southwest	1,510	1,510	1,345	1,385	103	31	41	42,135	57,400	136
North Central	1,355	1,340	1,275	1,290	101	42	40	53,590	52,200	97
Central	1,520	1,640	1,460	1,580	108	43	43	62,655	68,700	110
South Central	2,240	2,290	2,075	2,165	104	41	41	84,795	88,400	104
Northeast	240	260	230	250	109	55	46	12,645	11,500	91
East Central	285	240	270	230	85	42	38	11,350	8,700	77
Southeast	535	360	485	345	71	40	39	19,290	13,500	70
State	10,000	10,100	8,500	9,600	113	37	40	314,500	384,000	122

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM MAY

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the May 1 forecast but 3 percent above 2004. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.1 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, unchanged from May 1. Hard Red production is down 5 percent from a month ago to 960 million bushels. Soft Red is down less than 1 percent from last month, and now totals 301 million bushels. White production totals 285 million bushels, up 1 percent from last month. Of the White production total, 28.6 million bushels are Hard White and 256

million bushels are Soft White. This is the first year that production levels for Hard White and Soft White are available. Forecasted head counts from the Objective Yield surveys in the six Hard Red Winter states (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas) are above last year's final counts, except in Oklahoma. Indicated head weights are below last year's level in all six states.

Harvest was underway in the southern-most portions of the growing area.

WINTER WHEAT, KANSAS AND SELECTED STATES, JUNE 1, 2005

State	Acreage			Yield Per Acre		Production		
	Harvested 2004	For Harvest 2005	% of Prev. Yr.	2004	2005	2004	2005	% of Prev. Yr.
	1,000 Acres		Percent	Bushels		1,000 Bushels		Percent
KANSAS	8,500	9,600	113	37.0	40.0	314,500	384,000	122
Oklahoma	4,700	4,300	91	35.0	34.0	164,500	146,200	89
Washington	1,750	1,850	106	67.0	69.0	117,250	127,650	109
Texas	3,500	3,500	100	31.0	30.0	108,500	105,000	97
Montana	1,630	2,050	126	41.0	41.0	66,830	84,050	126
Colorado	1,700	2,450	144	27.0	32.0	45,900	78,400	171
Nebraska	1,650	1,700	103	37.0	43.0	61,050	73,100	120
Idaho	700	730	104	90.0	91.0	63,000	66,430	105
South Dakota	1,250	1,400	112	45.0	47.0	56,250	65,800	117
Ohio	890	810	91	62.0	68.0	55,180	55,080	100
United States	34,462	35,069	102	43.5	44.1	1,499,434	1,545,971	103

1/ Selected states based on top 10 states according to production of winter wheat.

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